

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Advisory Action of June 21, 2006, Applicant encloses a Request for Continuing Examination together with the prescribed fee. The supporting submissions are set out below.

Applicant submits that the enclosed RCE fully complies with 37 CFR 1.114 and therefore asks that the finality of the last report be withdrawn.

### **Amendments**

Independent claims 1 and 7 have been cancelled and the invention recast in new claim 8. New claim 8 defines the invention in terms of the printing fluid dispensers each having individually positioned outlets that mate with the appropriate inlet on the inkjet printer component. The dependent claims have been amended to align with the new definition provided by claim 8. These features are shown in Figures 35 to 41 and described in the associated detailed description. Accordingly, the amendments do not add any new matter.

### **Submissions**

#### **35 USC §102**

Previously presented claims 1 and 7 stand rejected for lack of novelty in light of US 6,199,977 to Komplin.

Newly presented claim 8 clarifies that each of the printing fluid dispensers has a locating features that engages a fixed formation on the component. The dispensers have an outlet that is positioned relative to the locating feature depending on the type of printing fluid that the dispenser contains. The component has a plurality of inlets – one for each of the different types of printing fluid. The inlets are positioned relative to the fixed feature so that when the locating feature on one of the dispensers engages the fixed feature, the dispenser outlet engages the inlet corresponding to that printing fluid. Hence cross contamination from user error during the refill process is avoided.

The prior art fails to disclose the specific combination of elements defined in new claim 8.

**Conclusion**

In light of the above, the Applicant submits that the rejection has been successfully traversed. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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